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- 1. On 13 October 1948, there was a meeting at the headquarters of the Central Administration of Chemistry which was attended by the main directors of the zonal publicly owned enterprises as well as specialists from SMA Karlshorst and the new director of the division of Chemistry in SMA, Engineer Bakin. The purpose of the meeting was to review the inadequate fulfilment of the production quota in the third quarter of 1948 (about 80%). Apparently the main fault lay not in shortages of fuel or raw materials, but in the poor condition of the machinery. This caused considerable concern, because it meant that the machinery would be in even worse condition in 1949, production quotas might not be met, and that actual production totals might fall below the 1948 level.
- 2. The production for the 3rd quarter of 1948, for the German-controlled chemical firms is given below:

Commodity	Percentage fulfilment of quota	Comment
Sulphuric acid	77%	Director Teml claimed that the quota was too high.
Soda	93%	Solvay, Eisenach, produced 16,000 tons (105% of its quota). Stassfurt produced 28,000 tons (83% of its quota). Stassfurt needs a compressor ordered from Simag, Delbrück (American zone), to increase its production.
Caustic soda	89%	The production is dependent on a continuing supply of power.

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Percentage fulfilment Commodity

of quota

Carbide

62%

Comment

Hirschfelde produced 3,055 tons (51% of its quota)

Spremberg produced 2,936 tons (71% of

its quota)

There is a shortage of containers.

Insecticides over 100%

Copper sulphate 95%

Superphosphate 50%

Production was 4,770 tons. The production is suffering because of a

shortage of sulphuric acid.

Saccharin 100%

Printing ink 90%

Paints and well over varnishes 100%

Artificial fabrics

92%

Artificial resin 30%

Pressmasse (sic) 60%

Animal glue and gelatine 80-95%

Photographic

paper 80% Soap

43%

Soap powder 70%

Drugs over 100%

Fluorspar and

pyrites 90-100%

Liquid fuel 75%

Carbon disulphide 80% The soap industry is suffering from a shortage of fatty acids.

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